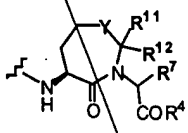
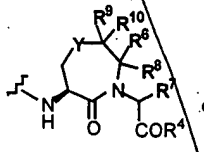
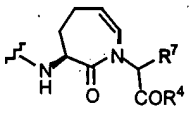
R^1 is H or $-COR^2$ where R^2 is alkyl, aryl-$(CH_2)_p$-, cycloheteroalkyl-$(CH_2)_p$-, heteroaryl-$(CH_2)_p$-, alkoxy or cycloalkyl-$(CH_2)_p$-;

p is 0 or an integer from 1 to 8; and

A is a conformationally restricted dipeptide mimic which has the structure

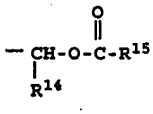
where Y is CH_2,

R^7, R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl-$(CH_2)_m$-, aryl-$(CH_2)_m$- and heteroaryl-$(CH_2)_m$-,

where m is 0 or an integer from 1 to 6;

R^6, R^{10}, R^{11}, and R^{12} are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl-$(CH_2)_p$-, aryl-$(CH_2)_p$- and heteroaryl-$(CH_2)_p$; and

R^4 is OH, Oalkyl, O-$(CH_2)_p$-heteroaryl,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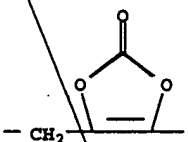
or $NR_1(R_2)$ where R_1 and R_2 are independently H, alkyl, aryl, aryl-$(CH_2)_p$ or heteroaryl;

R^{14} is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, or phenyl;

R^{15} is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy or phenyl; and